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1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
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4. Our check No. 35226 in the amount of \$ 400.00 to cover Extension of Time fee; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

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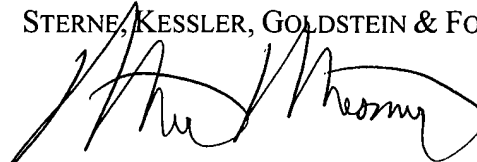
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